

Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended to provide improved syntax of certain terminology, and claim 14 has been amended to overcome the cited objection. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims respectfully is requested in view of the following comments.

In the claimed method and device, the code required for the operation of a controlled device is divided into a master code and at least one sub-code, in which the master code further functions to monitor the sub-code to prevent manipulation of the sub-code. In the Bueten et al arrangement, the code required for the operation of a controlled device is not divided between codes of different logic blocks with the combined code required to operate the controlled device and with one code monitoring the other but simply a plurality of logic blocks containing code for operating selected ones of a plurality of controlled devices with no monitoring of one code by another code and simply the activation of a “checking mechanism” of the processor “determining whether the operated program of a selected logic blank has been manipulated”. The processor functions merely to preclude the current or future execution of a program of the selected logic block, if it is determined that the program of the block has been manipulated.

Furthermore, none of the secondary references cited disclose or teach the modification of the Bueten et al method and device to arrive at the method or the device as recited in the claims.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claims 1-14 be withdrawn, said claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

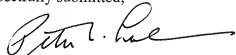
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Respectfully submitted,

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